Over-Invoicing by Pepsi Plant

3917. SHRI PRITHIBI MANJHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Directorate of Enforcement are aware that the Pepsi Plant involves potential over-invoicing since cost of similar plants in Modern Foods and Double Cola is subsequently less ;

(b) whether the Pepsi Plant import proposal has been scrutinised for possible kickbacks at the initial stages itself ; and

(c) whether his Ministry are aware that a constant outflow of foreign exchange on account of plant import is required to be accounted for ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The question apparently refers to the proposed collaboration between Pepsi Cola and an Indian Industrialist for setting up a plant in India. The proposal has not been approved so far.

Foreign Exchange Outgo on Technology Transfer in the Area of Consumer Industries

3918. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is Government's estimate of foreign exchange outgo on account of technology transfer in the area of consumer industries in the period 1984-88, yearswise and

(b) what is the foreign exchange outgo on account of royalty payments and dividend repatriation by the consumer products industry during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Separate figures of foreign exchange outgo on account of technology imports in the field of consumer industries are not available. The foreign exchange outgo on account of remittance of royalties, technical know-how fees and dividends by all companies functioning in India, during the period 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87 (upto September, 1986), was as under :—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Royalties	Technical know-how fees	Dividends
1984-85	28.40	300.60	74.58
1985-86	23.50	367.90	75.20
1986-87	14.80	186.00	45.10
(upto September, 1986)			

Figures for later periods are not yet available.